

Swimming Pool Working Party - Terms of Reference

1. Background

In October 2020, Torpoint Town Council commissioned BRL Architects to produce a Torpoint Swimming Pool Feasibility Study in line with one of fifty ideas and projects, identified in the Vision for Torpoint. At the June 2021 meeting, the Town Council accepted the findings of the study.

The study identifies there are 8,000 potential users within a 15-minute drive of the town, plus a further 32,000 population living within its catchment area. In addition, this could be supplemented by more than 10,000 potential holidaymakers during the summer months. The study considers potential users, pool types, complimentary facilities, a potential location and pool operators and also identifies various funding sources.

Working in conjunction with Sport England it highlighted the facilities should be sustainable and proportionate to the communities they serve. The study recommends a 25m 4-lane pool with flexible fitness gym and studio space with state-of-the-art technology to reduce staffing and operating costs. It considers it should be possible to deliver this for approximately £2.5 million, with a break-even operating model.

We are encouraged and optimistic about this project and look forward to assisting the Town Council in bringing the Torpoint Swimming Pool Feasibility Study proposal to fruition for the benefit of the community of Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula.

2. Membership

The Working Party will consist of the following members: Torpoint Town Councillors and two Cornwall Councillors. Additional stakeholders will be asked to attend if a wider range of advice on the project may be required.

3. Quorum Requirements

A minimum of four members are required for the meeting to be quorate.

4. Chairmanship

The election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman will take place at the first meeting at the beginning of the Civic year.

5. Meetings

Meetings will be convened on an ad hoc basis. The notices of meetings should detail the matters to be discussed. Meetings may be held virtually and this will be detailed on the agenda, at the discretion of the Chairman. The Secretary shall keep a record of meetings, and circulate notes to Working Party members in a timely fashion.

6. Responsibilities

The Swimming Pool Working Party will be responsible for the following: -

- To identify which of the recommended options within the Feasibility Study to progress further.
- To produce an action plan detailing a summary of steps to progress the project.
- To identify and engage with relevant key stakeholders within the town, surrounding community and other experts to support the Working Party.
- To report to the Development and Localism Committee (next meeting) with any recommendations to the Town Council.